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OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

EAST ST. LOUIS

Public Library and Reading Room.

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1875–'76.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mayor and Council of the City of East St. Louis:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the requirements of Section 7 of "An act to authorize cities, incorporated towns and townships to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms," approved and in force March 7, 1872, the undersigned, Directors of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, beg leave to submit this their third annual report of the condition of their trust on the first day of June of the present year:

THE RECEIPTS

For the past year have been from:

Overplus from last year	$1,217.81
Library fund	3,652.57
Fines and penalties	31.65
Total	$4,902.03

THE EXPENDITURES

Covering the same period amounted to	$4,479.92
Leaving in the treasury a cash balance of	422.11

The disbursements are given in detail in an accompanying report of the Secretary, and were as follows:

Books	$1,578.62
Bookbinding	503.25
Freight	15.64
Insurance,	37.50
Library and Reading Room	493.37
Newspapers	187.73
Periodicals	295.79
Postage	24.54
Printing	130.75
Salaries	1,210.33
Stationery	2.40
Total	$4,479.92

The present resources of the Board are as follows:

Delinquent tax list for 1872	$221.57
Delinquent tax list for 1873	1,424.49
Delinquent tax list for 1874	3,792.53
Due on tax list for 1875	8,111.98
Fines and penalties due and unpaid	78.86
Cash on hand	422.11
Total	$14,051.54

FINANCES.

The small cash balance on hand prevents us from adding to the Library many works of merit that should be there.

Only $690.94, out of $8,802.92 due this fund from the tax levy for 1875, has been collected.

The large balances due causes considerable embarrassment, as there are opportunities sometimes open of purchasing necessities for the Library at reduced prices.

The members of this Board have devoted a great deal of their time and attention to the successful operation of their trust, and have on many occasions neglected private business engagements in order to make the funds at their command procure as much as possible for the money.

We are aware that the proper proportion of the tax levy is placed to the credit of the Library fund as soon as collected, and that this fund suffers no more than any other of the city, but then the collections are made wonderfully slow.

No embarrassment has been experienced during the present year in meeting any of the obligatons of the Board. Mr. Franz, the City Treasurer, has promptly paid every voucher upon presentation.

The Library is free from debt, and no expenses will be incurred unless there are funds on hand to meet them when due.

BOOKS ON HAND.

The number of books on hand at the close of the

last fiscal year was	2,961	volumes.
There were purchased since	1,409	"
Donated since	67	"
Total	4,437	volumes.

Four hundred and thirty-three of the volumes purchased are in the German language, and we are sorry to state that their circulation thus far has been very small, although the selection is conceded as being excellent for the quantity.

PERIODICALS ON HAND.

One hundred and twelve newspapers and periodicals have been received regularly during the year. Of these 89 are American, 14 English and 9 German; 30 are dailies, 38 weeklies, 2 semi-monthlies, 34 monthlies and 8 quarterlies. Ninety-seven were purchased and 15 donated. A detailed statement of the same will be found in the exhibits to the Librarian's report.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS LOST OR MISSING.

Only one book has been lost during the year—the only one, in fact, since the opening of the Library that will prove a total loss. This volume cost $1.17, and was burned at the fire in Lovingston's block, on Mullikin street, last winter, together with nearly all the personal property of the person who at the time had the book. She is a widow in indigent circumstances, and in consideration of this the Board concluded that the Library could best stand the loss.

Four books are still retained by the persons who took them from the Library nearly one year ago. One of them is lost, and the person in whose charge it was is willing to pay its value. Steps have been taken to institute proceeding for the recovery of the other three, and if they are not forthcoming in a few days, the cost of them will be, as suit will be entered against the parties and their securities, all of whom are good and responsible.

Four pamphlets only have been lost or are missing during the year. They were undoubtedly stolen from the tables in the reading room. The cost of their replacement will be $1.35, making an aggregate loss of $2.52. This is a better showing, we believe, than any other Library in the country can make, with 30,954 visitors and 16,524 volumes loaned out during the year.

VISITORS ATTENDING.

The total number of visitors attending during the year was 30,954, being an average of—

2,580 for each month;
595 for each week; and
86 for each day,

An increase of forty-five per cent. over the attendance of last year. The attendance on Sunday has averaged 110 persons, or an increase of 30 over secular days.

THE BOOKS LOANED OUT

During the year amounted to.....12,924 volumes.
Those issued for use in—
The reading room reached..... 3,600 volumes.

A total of.....16,524 volumes.

Being an average—

For each month of.....1,377 volumes.
For each week ..... 377 volumes.
For each day..... 45 volumes.

The newspapers and periodicals on file, 112 in number, are not catalogued or numbered until each volume is completed and bound. They are placed upon the stands and tables in the reading room, open to the perusal of all who enter, consequently cannot be counted in the above statements.

THE KIND AND CHARACTER OF THE CIRCULATION

Of books has been—

Prose fiction.....69 per cent.
Juvenile.....11 per cent.
Historical and miscellaneous.....20 per cent.

This leaves the figures of the past year unchanged from those of the one previous. The remarks of the librarian upon this subject are to the point, and his views, as expressed in his report, concur with those of the members of this board.

CARDS ISSUED.

During the past year 495 bonds were approved of and cards issued. An increase of 159 over the year previous.

This does not, by any means, represent the total number of persons who make use of the library. In a majority of cases one card suffices for a whole family, and many of those who avail themselves of the benefits of the institution do not file a bond or use a card, but call for whatever works they desire and peruse them in the reading room.

SUNDAY READING.

After an experiment of two and a-half years, this board can certify, with pleasure, to the benefits resulting from keeping open and loaning books on Sundays in the same manner as upon secular days. On Sunday the attendance has always been larger than upon any other day of the week. During the past year the increase of visitors on that day has been twenty-five per cent. The increased circulation of books on that day bears about the same proportion, although the hours during which the library is kept open are curtailed by four hours, or one-third.

On Sunday the class of works perused, or taken out, is of a much higher order. This, in itself, ought to demonstrate the utility of keeping the library open on that day. The trial has satisfied the directors so well that any proposition to close the library on the Sabbath will hardly be entertained.

READING MATTER.

In the selection of books the aim of the board has been to supply the residents of this city with all desirable current publications. Large additions have been made during the year to standard literature and works of reference. The last editions of the best scientific books by authors of acknowledged merit have been placed upon the shelves of the library. In fact, nothing new, deemed valuable, has been excluded, excepting only orthodox religious works. The reason of making this discrimination against orthodox religious works is self-evident, and requires no comment to convince friends of the institution of its propriety, if not of its wisdom. Therefore, all books of this class seen upon the shelves have been acquired by donation, and were not purchased with the funds in our control.

CATALOGUE.

The librarian has for some time been engaged in the preparation of a catalogue. His labors in this work are nearly ended and their result will be handed to the printer in a short time. In classification, etc., the volume will be similar to that of the St. Louis Public School Library, and its appearance will relieve an immediate and pressing want.

STATISTICS.

We refer your honorable body to the reports of the secretary and librarian, hereto appended, for many interesting statistics and other items of note concerning the management of the library worthy of consideration.

MORE ROOM WANTED.

One year ago the attention of your honorable body was directed to the growing want of more room. This want came and was experienced much sooner than expected. It is conceded by all that the present accommodations for the public are totally inadequate. Everything is huddled together in a manner that does not reflect credit upon this board. We are helpless. Everything that lay in our power has been done. There is no remedy with our present space *unless the reading room is disestablished.* The room we have is large enough for a library alone, but for a library *and* reading room combined it is entirely insufficient. Enough has already been said upon this subject by the people and press of the city to convince the most skeptic, and the remedy is now and altogether with you

If prompt action is not taken we may be compelled to discontinue the reading room. This step will of course cut off the whole supply of newspapers and periodicals, 112 in number, as well as the perusal of works in the library room. By doing this fully half of the good done and intended by the establishment of the library and reading room will

be obliterated. The many newspapers on file are a boon to those having occasion to peruse them that they will not be likely to surrender without emphatic protest. It is the only means of a great many in our midst for information of much value. The cost, whilst light to the public, precludes private individuals from enjoying anything like it at their own expense. Besides, residents of this city, as long as a public library is maintained, have the right to demand that a newspaper from each of the leading cities in the country shall be kept on file, as well as the choicest of the many periodicals which issue from the press. In speaking of newspapers Wendell Phillips truly observed: "It is a momentous, yea, a fearful truth, that the millions have no literature, no school, and almost no pulpit but the press. *It* is the parent, school, college, pulpit, theatre, example, counsellor, all in one. Every drop of our blood is colored by it. Let me make the newspapers, and I care not who makes the religion or the laws."

The reading room has done a great deal of good for the youth and workingmen of the city, Instead of wandering around the streets, as many of them were wont, they now, after their day's labor, enjoy an entertainment that is lasting in its character and beneficial in its results.

This Board, before entering on a retrograde career such as the abolition of the reading room, deem it their duty to prevent the disaster unavoidable therefrom to the trust in their care. With you rests the remedy and the responsibility for what this Board may be compelled to do. We have no money to master the situation without your material assistance. In view of the character of the subject and the interests at stake, and relying upon your appreciation of their importance, this board feels satisfied that this condition of things need but be presented to you in its actual aspects to enlist every aid in your power to give. *This aid is the concession of the adjoining room now used as a court room.* It added will place the Public Library of East St. Louis in a situation in which it is bound to be of still greater advantage to its patrons, whilst reflecting honor upon its protectors and promoters, your body, the Honorable City Council of East St. Louis. Shall the public lose the benefits of the reading room, or will the aid we ask be granted to perpetuate and to increase its usefulness? With much concern do we look for your answer to this most vital question.

JOHN B. BOWMAN,
CHAS. C. SCHUETZ,
WILLIAM O'NEILL,
JOHN M. SULLIVAN,
P. M. SULLIVAN,
E. L. McDONAUGH,
LUKE H. HITE,
H. ELLIOT,
} Board of Directors of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Of all Moneys Expended by the Board of Directors of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, and for what Purposes, from June 1, 1875, to June 1, 1876.

BOOKS.

Voucher No. 129, Ahern, Dennis		$38.50		
" 271, Compton & Co		25.00		
" 119, Dunn, Fannie		4.50		
" 132, Father & Wilson		22.00		
" 156, Graham, Peter		35.00		
" 122, Gray, Baker & Co	$149.35			
" 152, "	451.19			
" 176, "	149.93			
" 243, "	59.15	809.62		
" 236, Green, Laura L		16.50		
" 161, Linahan, Daniel	31.00			
" 273, "	27.75	58.75		
" 126, Linahan, John	73.00			
" 130, "	31.25			
" 160, "	58.50			
" 274, "	75.25	238.00		
" 163, Met. Rest. and Pub. Ass'n		10.00		
" 248, Patrick, John J. R		150.00		
" 131, Parker, John		45.50		
" 153, Peterson & Bro., T. B		120.25		
" 124, Voorhees, Chas. S		5.00		$1,578.62

BOOK-BINDING.

Voucher No. 140, Wissmann, Christ		137.15	
" 175, "		111.90	
" 245, "		93.00	
" 270, "		161.20	$503.25

FREIGHT.

Voucher No. 260, Adams Express Co		1.50	
" 165, American Express Co		80	
" 146, Bauchens, Adam	4.50		
" 174, "	4.50		
" 268, "	2.00	11.00	
" 166, Union Line		1.34	
" 242, United States Express Co		1.00	$15.64

INSURANCE.

Voucher No. 244, Ætna Insurance Co.			$37.50

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

COAL.

Voucher No. 260, Kennedy, Thomas		$23.97	

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Voucher No. 241, Baldwin, J.	$1.25		
" 249, "	1.25		
" 137, Boyne, Patrick	80.20		
" 168, "	16.50		
" 269, "	15.00		
" 142, E. St. L. Gas Light & Coke Co.	17.60		
" 167, Hauss, Charles	3.90	135.70	

GAS LIGHT.

Voucher No. 143, E. St. Louis Gas Lig't & Coke Co	19.60		
" 145, " " "	9.10		
" 157, " " "	84.00		
" 170, " " "	43.75		
" 239, " " "	35.00		
" 252, " " "	33.60		
" 261, " " "	31.15		
" 262, " " "	32.20		
" 263, " " "	23.10	311.50	

ICE.

Voucher No. 171, Markert, George		7.50	

SCRUBBING.

Voucher No. 159, Burke, Catharine		3.50	

SUPPLIES.

Voucher No. 237, Kresse, Oscar F.	9.50		
" 238, Meints, Albert M.	1.70	11.20	$493.37

NEWSPAPERS.

Voucher No. 177, Abell & Co., A. S.	6.00
" 192, Bailey & Donovan	1.60
" 185, Bennett, James G.	12.00
" 123, Berning, Fred	3.90
" 178, Boston Post Co.	10.00
" 187, Bulletin Co., San Francisco	10.00
" 189, Chronicle Co., Washington	8.00

Voucher No. 183, Courier-Journal		8.00	
" 182, Detroit Free Press		10.60	
" 181, Enquirer Co., Cincinnati		10.50	
" 251, Globe-Democrat, St. Louis		14.25	
" 230, Globe Printing Co., Toronto		6.90	
" 184, Holbrook, A. M.		10.60	
" 162, Inter-Ocean, Chicago		10.00	
" 188, Journal Co., Springfield		7.50	
" 139, Knapp & Co., Geo.		9.00	
" 149, Lyles, Thomas	4.20		
" 240, " "	5.33		
" 267, " "	4.10	13.63	
" 147, Maifarth C.	2.00		
" 158, " "	3.00	5.00	
" 272, McRoberts, H.		1.25	
" 179, Riordan, Dawson & Co		8.00	
" 180, Storey, W. F.		15.00	
" 186, Times, Philadelphia		6.00	187.73

PERIODICALS.

Voucher No. 207, Aldine Co.	6.00
" 208, American Builder Pub. Co.	2.60
" 215, American & Foreign Pub. Co.	1.40
" 209, Arthur & Son, T. S.	2.00
" 190, Appleton & Co., D.	17.00
" 219, Black, Austin	1.62
" 201, Bonner, Robert	3.00
" 211, Catholic Pub. House	5.00
" 216, Cook, John W.	1.25
" 196, Cordell & Co., Charles	1.25
" 233, Dana & Silliman	6.12
" 212, Demorest, W. J.	3.00
" 206, Dow, Moses A.	4.00
" 195, Ford, Patrick	2.10
" 214, Godey, L. A.	2.40
" 194, Graphic Co.	1.50
" 266, Harkness, John C.	1.00
" 193, Harper Bros.	9.75
" 234, Houghton & Co., H. O.	8.50
" 217, Industrial Publication Co.	1.50
" 227, Leonard Scott Publishing Co.	15.00
" 229, Leslie, Frank	15.25
" 202, Leypoldt, F.	3.20
" 218, Lippincott & Co., J. B	3.00
" 197, Littell & Gay	10.50
" 200, McMaster, James	3.00
" 204, Munn & Co.	7.00

Voucher No. 198,	Nation, The		4.20	
" 225,	Osgood & Co., James K		5.00	
" 213,	Pelton, E. R		4.20	
" 221,	Peterson, Chas. J		1.70	
" 199,	Queen, Frank		4.50	
" 203,	Railroad Gazette		3.15	
" 223,	Scribner & Co		5.60	
" 220,	Shorey, John L		1.10	
" 205,	Spirit of the Times		5.00	
" 232,	Stevens, B. F. (London)		72.40	
" 191,	Street & Smith		4.75	
" 210,	Thomes & Talbot		1.25	
" 224,	Van Nostrand, D		4.25	
" 222,	Wells & Co., S. R		2.75	
" 228,	Witter, Conrad		38.00	$295 79

POSTAGE.

Voucher No. 136,	Caulk, L. D		9.00	
" 144,	Sikking, J. B	4.24		
" 231,	" "	11.30	15.54	24.54

PRINTING.

Voucher No. 138,	East St. Louis Gazette		89.50	
" 164,	" " "		7.00	
" 169,	" " "		11.75	
" 235,	" " "		15.50	
" 264,	" " "		7.00	130.75

SALARIES.

LIBRARIAN.

Voucher No. 120,	Caulk, L. D	85.00		
" 128,	" "	85.00		
" 134,	" "	85.00		
" 135,	" "	45.68		
" 141,	Barrowman, Robert Lee	21.25		
" 150,	" " "	70.00		
" 154,	" " "	70.00		
" 172,	" " "	70.00		
" 246,	" " "	70.00		
" 254,	" " "	70.00		
" 255,	" " "	70.00		
" 258,	" " "	70.00		
" 265,	" " "	70.00	881.93	

ASSISTANT LIBEARIAN.

Voucher No. 121, Hite, John	$15.00				
" 127, " "	15.00				
" 133, " "	15.00				
" 148, " "	17.90				
" 151, " "	30.00				
" 155, " "	30.00				
" 173, " "	30.00				
" 247, " "	30.00				
" 253, " "	30.00				
" 256, " "	30.00				
" 259, " "	30.00				
" 266, " "	30.00	302.90			

WATCHMAN.

Voucher No. 257, Randall, Enoch		25.50	1,210.33

SATIONERY.

Voucher No. 125, Kresse, Oscar F.			2.40
Total			$4,479.92

SCHEDULE.

Books			$1,578.62	
Bookbinding			503.25	
Freight			15.64	
Insurance			37.50	
Library and Reading Room, Coal	23.97			
" " Furnit'e & fixt's	135.70			
" " Gas Light	311.50			
" " Ice	7.50			
" " Scrubbing	3.50			
" " Supplies	11.20	493.37		
Newspapers			187.73	
Periodicals			295.79	
Postage			24.54	
Printing			130.75	
Salaries—Librarian	881.93			
" Assistant Librarian	302.90			
" Watchman	25.50	1,210.33		
Stationery			2.40	$4,479.92

WILLIAM O'NEILL, Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS.

I, William O'Neill, Secretary of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a complete and true statement of all warrants drawn for expenditures made by the board of directors of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, from June 1, 1875, to June 1, 1876.

WILLIAM O'NEILL, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, this third day of June, A. D. 1876.

[SEAL.] H. D. SEXTON, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Of the number of cards issued, books loaned, and visitors attending the library, for the year ending June 1, 1876.

	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	Total.
Number of cards issued	41	32	18	18	19	40	42	55	53	69	78	30	495
Number of books loaned*	799	840	820	764	900	1,002	1,022	1,153	1,271	1,655	1,461	1,237	12,924
Average weekly issues*	200	210	205	191	225	250	255	288	318	414	365	309	248½
Average daily issues*	27	28	27	26	30	33	34	38	42	55	49	41	36
Number of visitors	1,625	1,615	1,736	1,650	2,542	2,711	2,294	3,215	3,480	3,636	3,290	3,060	30,954
Average weekly visitors	406	406	434	412	635	678	573	804	870	909	847	765	595
Average daily visitors	54	54	58	55	85	90	76	107	116	121	113	102	86

* In this statement the number of books used for reference in the reading room (3,600 volumes) is not included. If these are added it will be necessary to add ten per cent. to these figures.

WILLIAM O'NEILL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the President and Board of Directors
of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading-Room:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith respectfully submit the librarian's third annual report of the statistics and conditions of the Public Library and Reading-Room for the official year 1875–'76, ending May 31st, 1876.

The past year has been the most eventful and prosperous one in the history of the library. The circulation of books, the attendance of visitors in the reading-room, together with the manifest increasing interest felt by all classes of our citizens, presents a pleasing theme in connection with our report.

CATALOGUE.

The want of a proper catalogue has been somewhat of a draw-back to our patrons, as well as to the librarian. I am now prepared to state that this want will be fully supplied in a short time. All of the slips and cards, preparatory to a proper classification, are now ready, and will, in a few days, be in the hands of the printer for publication.

With our first preparation of a catalogue for the library it was thought that a simple alphabetical catalogue would answer our purpose, but, upon mature reflection, have concluded to make it alphabetical and classified, under the main divisions of *authors*, *science*, *art and history*, similar in detail to the St. Louis Public School Library catalogue. It will be in pamphlet form, of about 100 pages, and, when finished, will reflect credit upon the library.

In this connection allow me to add that much of the classification and experience necessary for a work of this kind, has been done by Mr. Wm. O'Neill, Secretary of the Library, and to him I am much indebted for his many excellent suggestions and labor in this matter.

READING-ROOM.

Another want felt is a reading-room apart but connected with the library. The present library-room will be amply sufficient to contain all of the books, with additions, for a number of years longer, and, could the adjoining room be secured, we might consider the location as permanently settled for some time to come.

But, as this is a matter entirely with the board, I presume that due action will be taken, and at the proper time.

BOOK BORROWERS.

The total number of persons enrolled and furnished with cards is 495, which are in constant daily use. The total number of volumes on hand are 4,437; of this number 433 are in the German language, 3 in the French, 9 in the Spanish, and 1 in the Hebrew. The number purchased were 1,409. The number of books donated were 67, pamphlets 37, a list of which will be found, with the donor's name, in appendix I.

The *percentage* of the circulation is as follows: Novels, 69; historical and miscellaneous, 20; juvenile, 11.

The Mooted Question of Prose Fiction in Public Libraries.

It is customary in the annual report of public libraries to speak regretfully of these statistics, and ours is no exception to the rule, that the masses of our own and every community will read prose fiction when they might, with greater profit, read history, biography, voyages and travels. However, much it may be regretted, I do not attribute it to the low standard of public taste.

My experience and observations have led me to take this view of the matter.

That prose fiction, judiciously selected, meets the legitimate and healthful want of the community, and that no public library, supported by the *taxes* of the whole people, could maintain support if it did not *supply* the books which the people wished to read, and no library depending upon public taxes has yet ventured upon the experiment of discarding prose fiction.

It is vain to expect young persons to read books not adapted to their capacities. It is, therefore, of the highest importance that the young should grow up with a taste for and a habit of reading.

With some this is a natural taste, but with the majority it is acquired, and if not developed in early life is seldom acquired in later years. On this point we are considering, when we take into consideration the careful and judicious care that has been exercised by the committee on books purchased, and that everything of an *immoral* or *vicious tendency* has been strictly kept from the shelves of the library. We have gone as far as we can without thwarting the wishes of our readers, which are legitimate, because arising from their condition and wants.

The use of the higher and more learned department of the library is, however, obviously increasing. The important works of reference, which the library contains, are more frequently called for, and are used with *intelligence* and *profit*, and more especially by the advanced pupils of our public schools, thus proving the library a great *adjunct* and help to these institutions, and of incalculable benefit to the scholars.

SUNDAY.

The attendance on Sunday has been upon an average 25 per cent more than upon the other days of the week, although open from 2 P. M. to 10 P. M.

In many cities of the East they are agitating the question *pro* and *con* of the opening of their libraries upon Sundays. Having seen the good results among our own citizens, I am fully prepared to advocate the same. With us this question may be considered as firmly settled, as it gives to a large class of our citizens the opportunity of using the library, from which they are debarred by circumstances during the week. The class of books called for and read upon Sunday are of much higher order than upon any other day, and the Library Room is looked upon by all classes as a pleasant resort, where all can enjoy an intellectual feast.

The number of magazines and books bound were 335; rebound, 167 volumes.

The Reading Room is supplied with 112 periodicals, a list of which will be found in Appendix II. Of this number 89 are American, 14 English, 9 German. 30 are dailies, 38 weeklies, 2 semi-monthlies, 34 monthlies, and 8 quarterlies.

Under the head of "Appendix III," the daily, weekly and monthly average of visitors for the past year is given. The total number of books issued during the past year were 12,924, or an average of 36 book returned and taken out each day. The largest number being in March, and the smallest in September.

The issue of books for use in the Reading Room have been 3,600, an average of 10 per day. This is not taking into account the free use of all unbound magazines, monthlies, quarterlies, and illustrated weekly papers.

Considering the great number of persons using the Library and Reading Room, I wish te bear testimony to the cheerful and prompt acquiescence on the part of visitors, to comply with all the rules and regulations for the government of the Library and Reading Room, and I am much pleased to add that while the rules and regulations have been strictly adhered to, in no instance has there been any plain violation of "said rules," and no occasion for personal or official difficulty or misunderstanding, with any one of the many thousands of visitors who have visited the Library during the past year,. As all the papers and magazines, and illustrated weeklies, not bound, have been so placed as to be free and accessible to all visitors, but without the personal intervention of the Librarian, yet I can bear testimony to the careful handling of the same, and no case of wilful mutilation has come under my observation, and the only loss of any of the above that has occurred in the past year, does not exceed in amount $1.50—and this presumed by strangers.

So far as the management of the Library and Reading Room is concerned, and the keeping of the same in a neat and comfortable manner, for the reception of visitors, it has always been the aim and desire of myself and assistant to have everything about the Lirary in a neat and comfortable manner, and the public will bear me out in saying that in no other Library that they have ever visited, have they found

things more neat and commodious and been more promptly and attentively waited upon than they have at ours.

An extra and successful effort has been made to bring within the influence of the Library, the many boys and youths who stroll about our streets during evenings—"Street Arabs." Let me here state results. They were first kindly invited to come to the Library, and by supplying them with such books and papers as they took interest in, they were thus induced to continue and renew their visits; some unruly ones there were amongst them, but by reproof and expelling a few of the worst; the others have remained, and at present are as well behaved as any that attend the Library and give promise of becoming useful and bright members of society.

As a large portion of our readers belong to this class and their number is daily increasing, and the class of books adapted for their use have been thoroughly read. I would earnestly recommend that additions be made to this department as soon as practicable.

Before closing this report I wish to express my thanks to Mr. John Hite my Assistant Librarian, in all the duties of the work appertaining to the office and the Library, I have ever found him faithful, prompt and competent.

R. LEE BARROWMAN, Librarian.

East St. Louis Library, May 31, 1876.

APPENDIX I.

The following list includes all books and pamphlets donated:

	VOL.	PAM
East St. Louis Gazette Co.	2	...
Hon. Wm. R. Morrison	5	2
Sophie M. Weber	1	...
St. Louis Public Library	1	...
Chris. Wissmann	2	...
John Hite	1	...
Hon. George H. Harlow, Secretary State of Illinois	5	...
Hon. M. K. McGrath, " " Missouri	1	...
Hon. J. F. Young, " " Iowa	11	8
John Linahan	1	...
St. Louis County Court	...	2
State of Michigan	7	...
Hon. John B. Bowman	3	...
Cooper Union, New York	...	1
Mrs. Laura L. Green	1	...
Lewis M. St. John	3	...
Hon. Gustavus Koerner	14	...
W. E. Finch & Bro	1	...
Fred. Schoenbein	8	...

Oregon State Library	...	1
Lancaster Public Library	...	2
Massachusetts State Library	...	1
State Library of New Hampshire	...	1
Brookline Public Library	...	2
Chicago Public Library	...	1
Worcester Public Library	...	1
San Francisco Mercantile Library	...	1
Alton Public Library	....	1
Melrose Public Library	...	1
City of East St. Louis	...	12
	67	37

APPENDIX II.

The following is a list of newspapers and periodicals to be found in the Reading Room:

AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS.

DAILIES.

Baltimore Sun.
Boston Post.
Charleston News and Courier.
Chicago Times.
" Inter-Ocean.
Cincinnatti Enquirer.
Detroit Free Press.
East St. Louis Gazette.*
" " Press.*
Louisville Courier-Journal.
New York Herald.
New Orleans Picayune.
Philadelphia Times.
St. Louis Dispatch.
" Globe-Democrat.
" Journal.
" Morning Republican.
" Evening "
" Times.
Springfield Journal.
San Francisco Bulletin.
Washington Chronicle.

WEEKLIES.

Appleton's Journal.
Alton Telegraph.*
Belleville Advocate.*
" Democrat.*
Boys of the World.
Collinsville Argus.*
Danbury News.
East St. Louis Gazette.*
" " Press.*
Irish World.
Journal of Agriculture and Farmer.
Littel's Living Age.
New York Ledger.
" Nation.
" Weekly.
" Graphic.
" Clipper.
Official Gazette U. S. Patent Office.*

Frank Leslies Boys & Girls Weekly.
" Illustrated Newspaper.
" Lady's Journal.
Franklin Avenue Weekly Bulletin.*
Freeman's Journal.
Harpers' Weekly.
" Bazar.
Interior.
Publishers' Weekly.
Railroad Gazette.
Scientific American.
" " Supplement.
St. Clair Tribune.*
Waverly Magazine.
Wilkes' Spirit of the Times.

MONTHLIES.

Aldine.
Art Journal.
Atlantic Monthly.
American Builder.
" Journal of Microscopy.
" " of Science & Arts.
" Naturalist.
Arthurs' Home Magazine.
Ballous' Monthly.
Catholic World.
Demorest's Monthly.
Eclectic.
Frank Leslie's Lady's Magazine.
" Boys of America.
" Popular Monthly.
Galaxy.
Gody's Lady's Book.
Hall's Journal of Health.
Harpers' Magazine.
Illinois Schoolmaster.
Industrial Monthly.
Lippincott's Magazine.
Manufacturer and Builder.
Nursery.
Peterson's Magazine.
Phrenological Journal.
Popular Science Monthly.
Science of Health.
Scribner's Monthly.
St. Nicholas.
VanNostrand's Eclectic Engineer'g.

QUARTERLIES.

Harkness' Magazine.
North American Review.
United States Official Postal Guide.

BRITISH PUBLICATIONS.

DAILIES.

London Times.
Toronto Globe.
Montreal Witness.*

WEEKLIES.

Dublin Nation.
Punch.
Judy.

MONTHLIES.

Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine.
Dublin University Magazine.
Practical Magazine.

QUARTERLIES.

British Quarterly Review.
Dublin Review.
Edinburgh Review.
London Quarterly Review.
Westminster Review.

GERMAN PUBLICATIONS.

DAILIES.

Augsburger Allgemeine Zeitung,
St. Louis Amerika,*
St. Louis Westliche Post,*
" Anzeiger des Westens.*

WEEKLIES.

Belleville Zeitung,*
Berliner Kladderadatsch,
Leipziger Illustrirte Zeitung.

SEMI-MONTHLIES.

Die Gartenlaube,
Ueber Land und Meer.

TOTALS.

American Publications—	
Dailies	22
Weeklies	33
Monthlies	31
Quarterlies	3
Total	89
British Publications—	
Dailies	3
Weeklies	3
Quarterlies	5
Monthlies	3
Total	14
German Publications—	
Dailies	4
Weeklies	3
Semi-Monthlies	2
Total	9
Grand Total	112

*Those marked with an asterisk are donated by the publishers.

APPENDIX III.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Books on hand	4,437
Pamphlets on hand	44
Books donated	67
Pamphlets donated	37
Periodicals and newspapers purchased	96
" " donated	16
" " lost and missing	3
Books lost and missing	1
Fines and penalties paid	$31.65
due unpaid	$47.22

Whole number of visitors attending	30,954
Average daily " "	86
" weekly " "	595
" monthly " "	2,580
Number of books loaned out	12,924
Average daily " "	36
" weekly " "	248½
" monthly " "	1,077
No. of books loaned for use in Reading Room not included above	3,600
Daily average	10

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS.

R. Lee Barrowman, being duly sworn, says that he is Librarian of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, and that the foregoing statements are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

R. LEE BARROWMAN.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, this second day of June, A. D. 1876.

WILLIAM O'NEILL, Notary Public.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 1. Regular meetings shall be held at the rooms of the Board on the first Saturday of every month, at 2 o'clock p. m.

SEC. 2. Five directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3. The directors shall elect annually, by ballot, at the regular meeting in July, or as soon thereafter as possible, from their own number, a president, vice-president and secretary.

SEC. 4. A majority vote of the whole Board shall be necessary for the election or appointment of any officer or employe of the Board.

SEC. 5. The president, or any two directors, may call special meetings of the Board; but no business shall be transacted at any such meeting unless that which is specifically stated in the call, unless all the members are present, and then only by the concurrence of six directors. All calls for meetings shall be given by personal service on the directors or by mailing a copy of such call, properly addressed, at least twenty, four hours before the time set for such meeting.

SEC. 6. On taking the chair the president shall call the Board to order, and the secretary shall call the list of members alphabetically, noting the absentees, when he shall read the minutes of the last meeting.

SEC. 7. The order of business shall be as follows: (1.) Communications. (2.) Reports from standing committees. (3.) Reports from special committees. (4.) Reports from officers. (5.) Unfinished business. (6.) New business.

SEC. 8. The president shall preserve order and decorum; he may speak to points of order, in preference to members of the Board, and shall decide questions of order, subject to appeal, as is usual; he shall have the same right to vote as any of the directors, but, in case of a tie, he shall not have the right to vote a second time; and no member of the Board shall be excused from voting, unless by the consent of a majority of the directors present at such meeting.

SEC. 9. When any member is about to speak he shall rise from his seat, and address the president, and confine himself to the matter he introduces, or which is before the Board.

SEC. 10. All resolutions shall be in writing and be handed to the secretary, and by him re-read before debated upon.

SEC. 11. No motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment as a substitute for the motion or resolution under debate; any member, however, may call for a division of the question when the sense admits of it.

SEC. 12. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a given day, to commit, to amend, which several motions shall take precedence in the order as here arranged. Motions to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member is speaking, and shall be put without debate.

SEC. 13. A motion for amendment, until decided, shall preclude further amendment to the main question.

SEC. 14. In filling blanks the largest sum and longest time shall be put first. Reconsiderations of questions can only be had at the first subsequent regular meeting.

SEC. 15. The yeas and nays shall be entered upon the minutes, at the call of any member.

SEC. 16. The Board may resolve itself into a committee of the whole at any time, when motions or resolutions made shall not be entered upon the journal without they are carried in the Board; and, when in committee, the president shall leave the chair and appoint a chairman.

SEC. 17. All books and papers of the association shall at all times be open to any of the directors.

SEC. 18. No member, agent or servant of this Board shall purchase any article unless upon authority given by the Board at a regular meeting; and duplicate vouchers for the payment of any claim shall be signed by a majority of the committee to whom the purchase was entrusted before the same shall be presented for allowance; such statement shall show that the article was purchased in pursuance of an order given by the Board on (giving the date); that the same was delivered; the price charged reasonable, or according to contract, and that the same is due. The claims shall then be forwarded to the secretary for presentation to the Board; and when allowed by the Board, at a subsequent meeting, the president and secretary shall attach thereto a certificate in the following form:

EAST ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM,
OFFCE OF THE DIRECTORS, ..., 18... }

To the City of East St. Louis:

This certifies that the within is a properly authenticated voucher of the Library Board of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, for the amount of.....dollars, payable to the order of..... ..... out of the Library fund, and that the same was allowed at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof, held.....18...

.....President.

[SEAL.] .....Secretary.

Of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room.

The original voucher shall then, for the amount certified as due, be considered to be, and be, a properly authenticated voucher of the Library Board. The duplicate voucher shall be retained by the secretary, and by him filed in his office.

ARTICLE II.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. As soon as convenient, after the election of president, annually, he shall appoint the standing committees of the Board; they shall be as follows, and consist of three members each, viz:

First—Committee on Ways and Means.

Second—Committee on Library and Reading Room.

Third—Committee on Books and Donations.

Each of which committees shall report monthly all business in their hands.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the committee on Ways and Means to examine into the finances of the Board; to see that all fines and penalties are paid, and to devise ways by which the means of the association may be increased; to take into consideration any reports or propositions relative to monetary affairs; to examine the reports of the secretary and librarian, and certify to the correctness of the same, annually; and generally to have a supervision of the financial department. All monthly reports shall be certified by them to the Board.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the committee on Library and Reading Room to examine into the condition of the rooms; their cleanliness and order; and they shall have a general supervision of all the books therein; see that they are properly arranged, and report the state and condition of the same.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the committee on Books and Donations to examine and report on suitable books for the library; to solicit and accept donations of books and other articles applicable to the Library and Reading Room, and make such purchases as the Board shall direct.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The vice-president, in the absence of the president, shall perform the duties of that officer.

SEC. 2. The secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, and, under the direction of the president conduct all correspondence and keep a true record of the same. All printing shall be done under the supervision of the secretary. He shall procure all necessary blanks, stationery and postage stamps, and distribute the same to any officer or committee of the Board as required.

SEC. 3. The secretary shall keep all deeds, leases, bonds, contracts bills, accounts, vouchers, correspondence, and such other papers as the Board may direct.

SEC. 4. The secretary shall monthly present to the Board of Directors a report, in detail, of all money received and expended, and for what purpose; and he shall annually, on or before the fifth day of June, make a like statement, sworn to, for the year ending the first of that month.

SEC. 5. The librarian, and such assistants as may be determined upon, shall be elected annually, at the regular meeting in August, or as soon thereafter as convenient (but no director shall be eligible to such offices), and shall each hold office for one year, subject, however, to removal at any time by a vote of a majority of all directors. The compensation of the librarian and assistants shall be fixed by the vote of a majority of all directors immediately before appointment, and the same shall not be increased or diminished under any pretense or pretext whatever during the year. They shall give bond in such sums as may from time to time be fixed, with two or more securities, to be approved by the Board, for the prompt and faithful performance of all duties from time to time imposed upon them. It shall be their especial duty to be courteous-kind, accommodating and gentlemanly to any one who enters the Library and Reading Room; and while firmness is strictly enjoined upon them, to carry out all by-laws, rules and regulations of the Library and Reading Room, they must be careful to avoid all personal and official difficulty with any one who enters the Library or Reading Room.

SEC. 6. The librarian shall be punctual in opening and shutting the Library and Reading Room at the hours prescribed in these by-laws; and these hours shall be devoted exclusively to the interests of the Library and Reading Room; he shall cause the room or rooms to be properly warmed and ventilated, and the books, tables and chairs kept free from dust. The books and other property of the Library and Read, ing Room shall be under his charge, and he shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the same.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the librarian to keep such books as the Board of Directors may direct; and he shall annually, on or before the fifth day of June, make a sworn statement of the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise during the year ending the first day of that month; the number lost or missing, and the amount of fines and penalties paid, and of those remaining unpaid or due. He shall also report the number of visitors attending on week days and the number on Sundays; the number of books loaned out in like manner, and the kind and character of such books in detail, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as he may deem of general interest, covering the same period. He shall make monthly reports to the Board of all the items and things required by this section at the regular meeting of the Board, but such statement need not be under oath.

SEC. 8. The librarian shall enter in a book, to be be kept for that purpose, the number of every volume delivered by him, the name of the person to whom delivered, the time of taking and returning the same together with the forfeitures arising from every default. He shall collect all fines and forfieitures incurred by the detention, loss or damage of any

book, and pay the same over to the city treasurer, to the credit of the Library fund, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which shall accompany his monthly report of the same to the Board.

SEC. 9. He shall replace the books in proper order upon the shelves as soon as may be after they are returned, having first examined them with care, and ascertain whether they have been injured or defaced. He shall see that the books, Library and Reading Room are kept in good order; shall duly observe the instructions which may be given him from time to time by the Board of Directors, and take care that the regulations relative to the loaning of books be strictly adhered to.

SEC. 10. He shall ascertain at the close of each month, by the examination of the account of each person, the books not then returned to the Library in due season, and notify delinquents, through the mail, of their delinquency, and one week thereafter, if such book be not returned, the bondsman shall be notified by him. If the book is not returned within one month from the mailing of the first notice, the librarian shall notify the secretary, who shall proceed, through the law department of the city, to collect the value of such book, with accrued fines and other charges to the date of payment.

SEC. 11. The librarian shall register, in a book kept for that purpose, the number of visitors attending, number of books loaned out, and the general kind and character of such books as minutely as possible, a separate account being kept for each and every day.

SEC. 12. He shall keep a full and accurate catalogue of all the books, magazines, maps, charts and papers belonging to the Library and Reading Room, and arrange them in proper order; he shall keep a duplicate of the same, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of any inhabitant of this city; he shall make a record of all books presented, in a book provided for that purpose, with the names of the donors.

ARTICLE IV.

USE OF LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

SECTION 1. Any inhabitant of East St. Louis may borrow—one volume at a time—such books as are allowed to leave the Library, by first entering into bonds to the city of East St. Louis, for the use of the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, in the sum of fifteen dollars, with security to be approved by the president, conditioned for the prompt return of any book loaned to him or her, in as good condition as received, in the time limited for its return; and in case of default, loss or damage of such book, to pay the catalogue value of the same. Upon the approval of such bond the secretary shall issue a card to such person, with his or her name inscribed thereon, permitting such person to borrow any work not prohibited to be loaned, which permit shall be in force for one year. Persons not residents of this city may enjoy like privileges by filing like bond and paying the sum of three dollars.

SEC. 2. The privileges granted in consequence of filing the bond

mentioned in the preceding section may be revoked, at pleasure, by the Library Board, or the security.

SEC. 3. Each person entitled to draw books from the Library must produce his or her card whenever a book is taken, returned or renewed. If a card is lost, the person to whom it is issued shall notify the librarian thereof, and two weeks from such notification the secretary shall issue a new card to such person.

SEC. 4. Books may be retained two weeks, and may be once renewed for the same period. Application for renewal must be made within the first fourteen days. Books of recent purchase, labeled "Seven day book," cannot be retained more than one week, and cannot be renewed.

SEC. 5. A fine of three cents a day shall be paid on each volume which is not returned according to the provisions of the preceding rules.

SEC. 6. If any person shall lose or injure a book, he or she shall make the same good to the librarian; and if the book lost or injured be one of a set, he or she shall pay to the librarian, for the use of the Library and Reading Room—the full value of said set; and may thereupon receive the remaining volumes as his or her property.

SEC. 7. No person shall be permitted to receive a book from the Library until he or she shall have paid all sums due by him or her to the Library and Reading Room, and make good all damages and losses which he or she may have occasioned, and no person shall receive a book until the one previously loaned be first returned.

SEC. 8. Any person abusing the privileges of the Library or Reading Room, by unbecoming conduct or by the violation of any of the by-laws or regulations, by defacement of a book, pamphlet or periodical or paper, by writing in or on it, or in any other way, shall be reported to the Directors as soon as may be, and by them excluded from the Reading Room or Library, for a time or permanently, according to the nature and degree of the delinquency or default, ; but in case of any gross offense the librarian, acting librarian or his assistant or assistants or representatives, shall act summarily in the matter, and cause the offender to be at once excluded from the building, or take such action as the case may require, reporting the same to the Directors as soon as possible, for their final decision.

SEC. 9. Any person who shall neglect to comply with any of the rules, regulations or by-laws of the Library or Reading Room shall be notified by the librarian, or committee of the Board, of his or her neglect, and should he or she then fail or refuse to comply with any of the said rules, regulations or by-laws, he or she shall then be declared to have forfeited all right to enter the Library and Reading Room, and deprived of all the benefits thereof.

SEC. 10. No periodical work, in pamphlet form, shall be taken from the Reading Room until the same shall have been collected into volumes and bound. The books marked in the catalogue as books of reference—[thus *], and such others as may from time to time, be specially designated by the Board, shall not be taken from the library, except by

special permission of a member of the Board of Directors; *provided, however*, that encyclopedias, cyclopedias, dictionaries and atlases shall in no case be taken from the Library rooms.

SEC. 11. Any person of good deportment and habits may use the Reading Room. The use of tobacco, and all conversation and other conduct not consistent with the quiet and orderly use of the Reading Room are prohibited.

SEC. 12. Readers may consult, within the Library rooms, any number of volumes, the same being registered when furnished them, and canceled when returned by them.

SEC. 13. The Library and Reading Room shall be open on all secular days, between the first of June and the first of September, from nine o'clock a. m. to eight o'clock p. m., except Saturdays, when the same shall remain open until ten o'clock p. m., and between the first of September and the first of June the same shall be open on all secular days from ten o'clock a. m. to ten o'clock p. m. On all Sundays throughout the year the same shall be open from two to ten o'clock p. m. The Library and Reading Room shall be closed, however, on the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year, and such other days as the Board may direct.

SEC. 14. No amendment to these by-laws shall be acted upon until the next regular meeting after the same shall have been proposed, except at the first meeting of the new Board held each year; in either case they shall only be enacted by a majority of the members voting for them.

ORDINANCE NO. 193.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE EAST ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

WHEREAS, by an act of the Legislature of the State, in force March 7, 1872, cities, towns and townships are authorized to establish and to maintain free public libraries and reading rooms, and such an institution is now wanted in our city: therefore

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of East St. Louis:

SECTION 1. That there be established and maintained in the city of East St. Louis, for the use and benefit of its inhabitants, a public library and reading room, known as "The East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room."

SEC. 2. That a tax of one mill, annually, on each dollar of the assessed value of taxable property in the city be levied and collected with the other general taxes of the city, for the purpose of a library fund.

SEC. 3. That this ordinance be in force and effect from and after its passage and promulgation.

Passed July 16, 1872. WILLIAM O'NEILL,
[SEAL.] City Clerk.

Approved July 16, 1872. JOHN B. BOWMAN, Acting Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. 273.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE EAST ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of East St. Louis:

SECTION 1. Any person who shall willfully or maliciously cut, write upon, injure, deface, tear or destroy any book, newspaper, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room shall be liable to a fine of not less than three dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for every such offense.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall willfully or maliciously commit any injury upon the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, or upon the grounds, building, furniture, fixtures or other property thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than three dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for every such offense.

SEC. 3. Any person who shall fail to return any book belonging to the East St. Louis Public Library and Reading Room, according to the requirements of the by-laws, duly made and adopted by the directors of such Library and Reading Room, for the government thereof, shall be liable to a fine of not less than three dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for every such offense.

SEC. 4. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage and promulgation.

Passed February 1, 1876. WILLIAM O'NEILL,
[SEAL.] City Clerk.

Approved February 2, 1876. S. S. HAKE, Mayor.

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE CITIES, INCORPORATED TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

Approved and in force March 7, 1872. (Revised Statutes of 1874, Chapter 81, Page 662.)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That the city council of each incorporated city shall have power to establish and maintain a public library and reading room for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such city, and may levy a tax of not to exceed one mill on the dollar. annually, and in cities of over one hundred thousand inhabitants, not to exceed one-fifth of one mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city, such tax to be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said city, and to be known as the "Library Fund."

SEC. 2. When any city council shall have decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading-room, under this act, the mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the city council, proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office; and not more than one member of the city council shall be at any one time a member of said board.

SEC. 3. Said directors shall hold office one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years, from the first of July following their appointment, and at their first regular meeting shall cast lots for the respective terms; and annually thereafter the mayor shall, before the first of July of each year, appoint, as before, three directors, to take the place of the retiring directors, who shall hold office for three years, and until their successors are appointed. The mayor may, by and with the consent of the city council, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the board of directors, occasioned by removals, resignations or otherwise shall be reported to the city council, and be filled in like manner as original appointments; and no director shall recieve compensation as such.

SEC. 5. Said directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize, by the election of one of their number president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary: they shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading-room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act: they shall have the exclusive control of the expenditures of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased, or set apart for that purpose; *provided*, that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city, to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city, and drawn upon by

the proper officers of said city, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of said library; shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this act, in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading-room.

SEC. 6. Every library and reading-room, established under this act, shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt, in order to render the use of said library and reading-room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and said board may exclude from the use of said library and reading-room any and all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules.

SEC. 7. The said board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the city council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of June of that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund, and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended, and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of visitors attending; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books; with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipts and expenditure of money, as well the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

SEC. 8. The city council of said city shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library, or the grounds or other property thereof, and for injury to or failure to return any book belonging to such library.

SEC. 9. Any person desiring to make donations of money, personal property or real estate, for the benefit of such library, shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the board of directors created under this act, to be held and controlled by such board, when accepted, according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest of such property; and as to such property the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees.

SEC. 10. When fifty legal voters of any incorporated town, village or township shall present a petition to the clerk of the town, village or township, (or trustee of schools in counties not under township organization), asking that an annual tax may be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such town or township, and shall specify, in their petition, a rate of taxation, not to exceed two mills on the dollar, such clerk (or trustee of schools in counties not under township organization) shall, in the next legal notice of the regular

annual election in such town or township, give notice that at such election every elector may vote, "for a .....mill tax for a free public library," or "against a.....mill tax for a free public library," specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of all the votes cast in such town, village or township shall be "for the tax for a free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said town or township, and shall be known as the "library fund"; *provided*, that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any such town, village or township shall so determine by a majority vote, at any annual election held therein; and the corporate authorities of such towns or villages may exercise the same powers conferred upon the corporate authorities of cities under this act.

SEC. 11. At the next regular election after any town, village or township shall have voted to establish a free public library, there shall be elected a library board of six directors, one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; and annually thereafter there shall be elected two directors, who shall hold their office for three years and until their successors are elected and qualified; which board shall have the same powers as are by this act conferred upon the board of directors of free public libraries in cities.

SEC. 12. Whereas, all the libraries in Chicago were destroyed by the recent fire in that city, and large donations of books have been made to found a free library; and, whereas, no suitable building or organization exists to receive or preserve them, therefore an emergency exists that this law shall take effect immediately: therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

AN ACT

TO ENABLE LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS TO SELL AND TRANSFER THEIR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Approved March 24, 1874 In force July 1, 1874. (Revised Statutes of 1874, Chapter 81, Page 664)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the general assembly*, That whenever any library association organized under any law of this state, and owning any real or personal property in this state, shall desire to sell or lease the same, or any part thereof, absolutely or with conditions, to the board of directors of any free public library, organized under the laws of this state, such sale or lease may be made in the manner following, viz: The directors of such association shall call a meeting of all the members, subscribers or stockholders thereof, to be held at the rooms of said library or office of the secretary of such association, written or printed notice of the time, place and object of such meeting, and of the terms and conditions of the proposed sale or lease being first mailed, at least thirty (30) days prior to the time of such meeting, to the address of each member, subscriber or stockholder whose place of residence is known to any of the officers or directors of such association, and by publishing such notice for at least

thirty (30) consecutive days next preceding the time of such meeting, in some newspaper published and of general circulation in the county where the property of said association is situate.

SEC. 2. If the members, subscribers or stockholders representing the majority in amount of the stock of such association shall vote, at such meeting, in favor of such sale or lease upon the terms or conditions specified in such notice, or, in case said association shall consist of two or more departments, if a majority of the members, subscribers or stockholders of each department shall vote at such meeting in favor of such sale or lease so specified, then the president and secretary shall cause a record of the proceedings of such meeting, verified by the oath of the president thereof, together with an affidavit of the service or publication of notice as herein required, to be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county where the property of such association is situate; after which the president and secretary of the said association shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all necessary deeds, leases, bills of sale, or other instruments in writing, to carry out the object and intent of said vote; which, when duly executed, shall be sufficient to pass to the board of directors of such free public library all the legal and equitable title of said associations in and to the real or personal property in said instrument described as therein set forth.